

# Miju language

**Kaman** (Geman, Geman Deng, Kùmán), or **Miju** (Miju Mishmi, Midzu), is a small language of India and China. Long assumed to be a Sino-Tibetan language, it may be a language isolate.<sup>[3]</sup>

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## Locations

In China, the Miju are known as the Deng 僜人. The Deng number over 1,000 in Zayü County, Tibet, China, with 1,000 of the Deng having the autonym *taɹruaŋɿ* (大让), and 130 having the autonym *kuɹmanɿ* (格曼) (*Geman*). They are also neighbors with the Idu or *iɿduɹ* (义都) people.

In India, Miju is spoken in Hawai Circle and the Parsuram Kund area of Lohit District, Arunachal Pradesh (Boro 1978,<sup>[4]</sup> Dasgupta 1977<sup>[5]</sup>). *Ethnologue* reports that Miju is spoken in 25 villages located in high altitude areas to the east of upper Lohit and Dau valleys, which are located east of the Haguliang, Billong, and Tilai valleys.

## Phonology

These are the sounds in the Miju/Kaman language.<sup>[6]</sup>

### Consonants

Kaman	
Geman, Kman	
Miju, Kùmán	
Pronunciation	[kʷɹmanɿ]
Region	Arunachal Pradesh, India
Ethnicity	Miju Mishmi
Native speakers	18,000 (2006) <sup>[1]</sup>
Language family	possibly Sino-Tibetan (Midzuish), or a language isolate <div></div> <div>▪<span> </span><b>Kaman</b></div>
Language codes	
ISO 639-3	mxj
Glottolog	miju1243 (http://glottolog.org/resource/language/id/miju1243) <sup>[2]</sup>

### Consonant phonemes

	<u>Bilabial</u>	<u>Labio-dental</u>	<u>Dental</u>	<u>Alveolar</u>	<u>Post-alveolar (Palato-alveolar)</u>	<u>Retroflex</u>	<u>Palatal</u>	<u>Palatalized velar</u>	<u>Labialized velar</u>	<u>Glottal</u>
<u>Plosive</u>	p, p <sup>h</sup> b			t, t <sup>h</sup> d					k, k <sup>h</sup> g	ʔ
<u>Affricate</u>				ts dz	tʃ, tʃ <sup>h</sup> dʒ					
<u>Fricative</u>		f v	θ ð	s z	ʃ					x <sup>w</sup> ɣ <sup>w</sup>
<u>Nasal</u>	m			n		ɳ	ɲ			
<u>Trill</u>				r						
<u>Tap or flap</u>						ɾ				
<u>Approximant</u>	w	ʋ					j			
<u>Lateral approximant</u>				l		ɭ				

## Vowels

### Monophthong phonemes

	<u>Front</u>	<u>Central</u>	<u>Back</u>
<u>Close</u>	i	ɨ	u
<u>Close-mid</u>			o
<u>Open-mid</u>	ɛ	ə	ʌ • ɔ
<u>Open</u>		a	

## Tones

There are three main tones in the Miju language, rising (á), falling (à), and level (ā).<sup>[7]</sup>

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